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LEDBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of Medical Officer of Health

1925.

LEDBURY,

April, 1926.

GENTLEMEN,

ANNUAL REPORT.

I beg to report that during 1925 Seventy-seven Births have been registered in your District, of which 35 were males and 42 females. Two of these were illegitimate.

There were registered 39 Deaths. The deaths of infants under one year were 6.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified was 9, six of Diphtheria, one of Erysipelas and two Tubercular.

Estimated population, 3139.

Physical Features and Occupation.

Purely rural, supplying an agricultural district. No manufactures.

Water Supply.

From a well sunk in limestone two miles from the town. A constant supply of water was available during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Drains water carried and satisfactory. Sewerage, broad irrigation. Eight septic tanks and work satisfactory. Irrigation by channel pipes and ditches over meadow land. Closet accommodation generally satisfactory.

House Refuse.

By Council scavenger once weekly.

Schools.

Sanitary arrangements good. Water supply from Town source. Children medically examined by Medical Officer of County Council.

Milk Supply.

Seven Dairies supply milk to the Town, but with one exception are outside the Urban area. No complaints as to the character of the milk have been notified.

The New Regulations are now in force for 1926.

Few foods are so liable to contamination as milk.

Slaughter Houses.

Four are registered in the Town, three good, one bad. No veterinary inspection of meat has been arranged in the district.

Bake Houses.

Fourteen Bakeries. None underground. They are all kept clean and the sanitary arrangements are good. In some cases more care could be taken to protect the bread from dust, etc., in its distribution.

Lodging Houses.

Three in number. Fairly kept. Washing arrangements poor.

Factories and Workshops.

Twenty-seven in number and all satisfactorily kept. Sanitary arrangements satisfactory.

House Accommodation.

There is still a shortage of houses. The new houses erected by the Council are all occupied. There are many houses in the Town where the accommodation is extremely indifferent. This applies more particularly to houses in Common Garden, Smoke Alley and Railway Terrace, where the condition of housing is purely slum. I again suggest when alternative accommodation can be provided that these areas be permanently closed. The Council has decided to give a free subsidy of from £115 to £138 on houses complying with the Ministry's regulations, which has been the means of providing six new houses during the year.

Infectious Cases.

Arrangements have been made to admit infectious cases from the district to an Infectious Hospital near Hereford. No deaths.

Tuberculosis.

A Dispensary for the treatment of Tubercular Disease is at present in Homend Street. Patients are seen fortnightly by the Medical Officer of Health, Hereford. Bacteriological outfits are supplied to the Medical men of the district for diagnostic purposes.

Baby Welfare.

A centre is well established in the Town and is doing excellent work.

The general health of the Town during the year has been very good and the death rate very low.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum, nil.

Appendix.

Area of District : 462a. 2r. 6p.

Deaths of infants under one year : Legitimate 6, illegitimate nil.

Deaths from Measles nil, Diarrhoea nil.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. Mc K. HARRISON.

**Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925
for the Urban District of Ledbury**

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with
Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Factories (including Factory Laundries).—Inspections, 10.

Workshops (including Workshop Laundries).—Inspections, 38 ; Written Notices, 0.

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—

Want of Cleanliness Found, 1 ; Remedied, 1.

J. MC K. HARRISON,

Medical Officer of Health.

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REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR, 1925.

Number of new Houses erected	7
Houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts	203	
Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Regulations, 1910	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Houses found to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Houses found not to be fit in all respects for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	
Defects remedied without service of notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	
Proceedings taken under the Housing Act, 1919	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Closing orders made	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Proceedings taken under the Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Proceedings taken under the Housing Act, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Letters written, re defects, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	
Complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Removals to Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	
Wells sunk	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Houses connected to Town supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Houses re-drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Slaughter Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Dairies and Cowsheds inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Lodging Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Workshops and Bakehouses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	
Unsound Food seized	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Nuisances from manure, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	

R. G. GURNEY,

Member of the Sanitary Institute.

10th January, 1926.

